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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a software developer with 20 years of experience developing applications under Windows and Unix. I request that you firmly apply remedies that will stop Microsoft's anti-trust behavior.

Their tactics force people such as myself to join their camp or else. Windows developers have endured years of faulty products and operating systems environments that in my opinion have significantly impeded the state of technology simply because it has taken 2-3 times longer than it should have to develop products in the windows environment. Look how quickly Linux has developed technical equality with any and all Microsoft operating system products.

They have finally built a reasonably stable product but during their tenure have learned to control product development such that a stand-alone developer (such as myself) is locked into their upgrade cycles and over-priced tools.

My recommendation is to closely evaluate all current and future product releases for antitrust violations, put the products before a peer review and make Microsoft pay the tab for the review process.

Thanks for your time and hard work.

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